

Public board upset about MEETA's cost

The St. Albert Public School District will take advantage of the Metro Edmonton Educational Television Association's programs when they go on the air in March.

But they won't pay for them, at least until September.

Chairman Dave Fraser said Tuesday the board was

a little upset over the \$1.50 per student cost in light of the provincial government's announcement that plebiscites may be required when supplementary requisitions jump more than six per cent in one year.

"This meant we had to have another look at all expenditures," Mr. Fraser said, "so far that reason we

postponed contributing to MEETA until September.

"Possibly this is the wrong way to look at it; the costs are high and somebody has to pay for it. But if the government is going to limit what boards can spend then maybe it should take over full support of educational television."

Mr. Fraser said the dis-

trict was equipped to receive MEETA programs and was ready to bring them into the classroom.

"We'll undoubtedly use them, but we won't pay," he said.

There are two television cameras at the high school and programs have actually been produced there. All

schools in the system have receiving facilities.

Two teachers have already been at work preparing to co-ordinate the programs.

Chairman Charles Schroder of the separate district said his district wouldn't be ready for MEETA when it went on the air.

He said the district would

wait until fall or possibly even until next year, as there was no use going ahead if not prepared.

"We don't really know yet how it would fit into our program, or just what it would do," he said. "We will have to see what the instructional staffs come up with."

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HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATOR GORDON TOWNEND ACCEPTS CHEQUE
... from Kinettes Mrs. June Bishop (left) and Mrs. Alda Myrthue

Kinettes donate \$600 to hospital

The Sturgeon General Hospital received its first donation to assist in the furnishing of a ward in the hospital when the St. Albert Kinette Club presented a cheque for \$600 to hospital administrator Gordon Townend.

The money was raised by the club through the sale of

potato chips at the Saturday "Kin' Cinema" children's movies, a concession booth at the rodeo and the recent raffle of a three-minute Safeway shopping-spree.

Speaking on behalf of the Kinette Club, Mrs. June Bishop, chairman of the service committee says, "We are happy to have made this

donation enabling us to celebrate with the Kinsmen their 50th anniversary.

A plaque will be hung in the hospital recording the donation, says Mrs. Bishop. She says the Kinettes wish to thank the residents of St. Albert for helping to make their fund-raising projects successful.

Protestant district considering lowering school age entrance

The St. Albert Protestant Separate School District is considering a program whereby all youngsters five years of age at the start of a term would be allowed to enter Grade 1.

Board chairman Charles Schroder said the youngsters would have to take a readiness test.

"If they show they can handle the Grade 1 program after a one-month probation period, they'll be allowed to continue," he said. "If not, they will be asked to wait out another year."

Jack Black, acting superintendent, said starting date for the program would hinge on a space qualification.

He said a space and population study was being conducted by the administrator's council, which submitted the suggestion to lower the age to the board.

"The idea is sound. We just have to ensure we have the space to do it," Mr. Black said.

He said it was hard to guarantee anything right now because a new school act was coming out and there was also going to be changes to the Foundation Program.

The district changed its admittance date last year to come into line with the public district's date, which means to start school in September a child must be six years of age by the following Jan. 31. The Protestant district previously had had a Dec. 31 deadline.

Mr. Schroder said the student would have to show emotional and physical maturity to cope with the Grade 1 program, as motor skills were required as well as mental.

"There have been arguments as to whether you admit on chronological age or when the youngster is ready," he said. "It's more logical to admit when ready, even though this could mean some of five years of age would start school and others over six would not."

"Some children of six may not be ready, and it's bad for them to start when they're not. It may even be more damaging than going into school too young. If they're ready, they get a better start and enjoy it more."

Students may get area for smoking

Senior students at St. Albert High School may soon be allowed to smoke on school premises providing they have the permission of their parents.

The St. Albert Public School Board recently recommended that Principal Ross Johnson work with the Students' Union in investigating the possibility of setting up a smoking area.

Board member Don LaBelle said at present students smoke outside in front of the building and leave butts all over.

He said the board could put a ban on smoking, but it felt the matter had to be looked at realistically. Teen-agers these days were

going to smoke if they wanted to.

He said the board had more or less accepted in principal the suggestion of setting up a designated smoking area, one of a number of alternatives submitted by Mr. Johnson.

Mr. LaBelle said only students in Grades 10 to 12 would be allowed to smoke, and then only if they had their parents' permission. The school also holds Grade 8 and 9 students.

"We want to get the students' union involved," he said, "because we would like the students to police it themselves. We know they'd do a good job."

Mr. Johnson will report back to the board.

Conciliation sought in town wage talks

The Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 941 St. Albert, has applied to the provincial government for the appointment of a conciliation officer in an attempt to settle the salary dispute between the union and the town.

Leo Lancaster, spokesman for the CUPE which represents all employees in the public works, utilities and parks departments, announced Monday that talks had broken down.

Mr. Lancaster said the union is seeking wages and hours equal to those paid employees of the City of Edmonton who are doing similar work.

He said the present rate of pay for laborers working for the town is anywhere from 60 to 71 cents an hour behind those paid by the city.

A reduction in the work week from 44 hours to 40 is also being requested by the union, along with several other minor changes to the agreement which expired on Dec. 31, 1969.

"It is totally unacceptable to the Union and its membership that while workers in St. Albert are faced with food, housing and utility costs considerably in excess of the prices paid by workers in Edmonton, employees of the town are expected to accept rates of pay up to

\$31.24 per week less than that paid to the same type worker in Edmonton," Mr. Lancaster said.

"We are very hopeful that the intervention of an outside party... will bring about a settlement."

Flash

C.T.A. Hutchings of the Provincial Board of Industrial Relations has been Appointed Conciliation Commissioner in a wage dispute between the Town of St. Albert and the Canadian Union of Public Employees. Conciliation was requested by the Union after it decided negotiations had broken down.

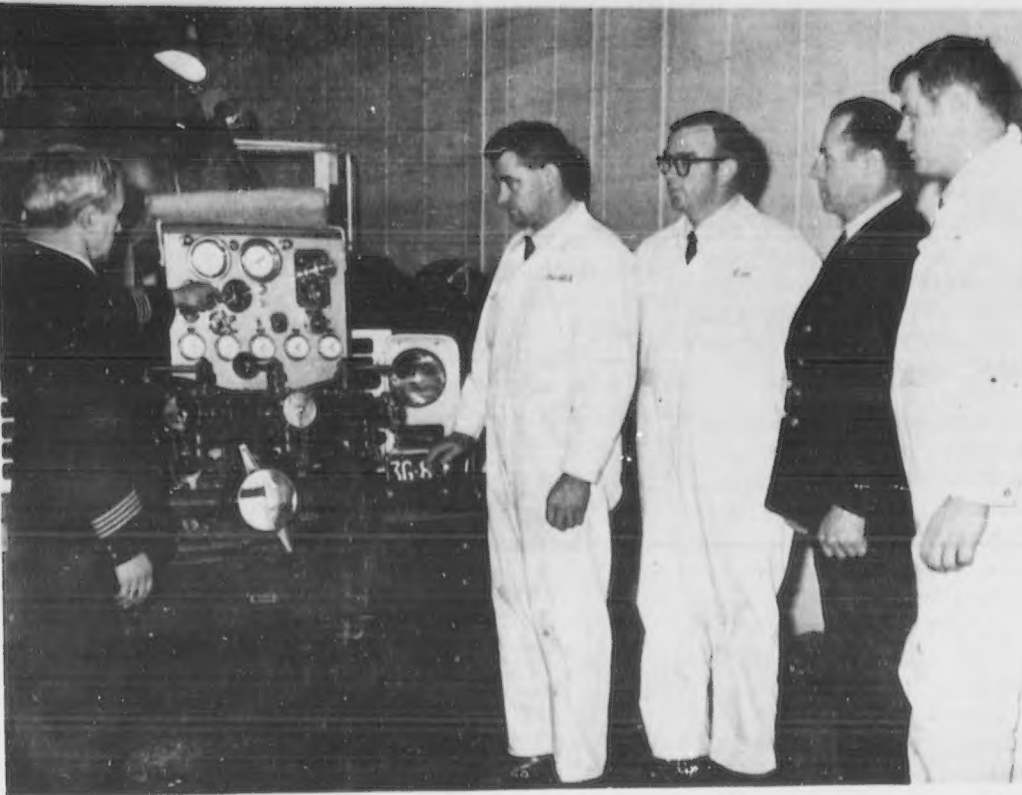
Lowery's actions irk local Liberals

The St. Albert Liberal Association has sent a letter to provincial Leader Jack Lowery expressing its strong disapproval of his "seeking an accommodation with the Social Credit Party."

It passed the resolution at an executive meeting last week and sent copies of the

resolution to Party President Peter Petrusuk and Party Vice-President Mike MacDonald.

Local Association president Ken Crooks said Tuesday night that at least five of the association's executive members would attend the Liberals' meeting in Red Deer on Saturday, Jan. 17.



Training sessions are going on daily at the St. Albert Fire Department as Fire Chief Fred Tetarenko (left) and Senior Captain Paul Poulin (in dark uniform at right) instruct the new full-time members in firefighting techniques. In white coveralls from left are Frank Ricard, Lee Berg and Jim Gordon. The town will possibly be covered at the fire hall 24 hours a day, seven days a week by early February.

Bowling news

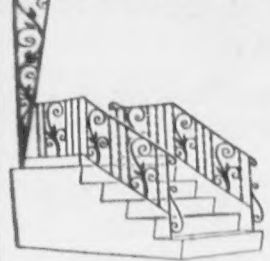
WEEK OF JAN. 5 - 10th
Monday Nite: Ladies high single 233, Marg Phillips; high triple 584, Jean Merryweather. Men's high single 280, John Mustaklem; high triple 684, John Mustaklem.
Tuesday Wellington Community: Ladies single 298, Pat Walker; triple 668, Pat Walker.
Tuesday Nite Villeneuve: Ladies single 206, Joan Dutton; triple 529, Joan Dutton. Men's single 246, Bill Soetaert, triple 563, Jim Klak.
Tuesday Nite: ladies single 271, Louise Hansen; triple 647, Irene Small. Men's single 263, Vic Small, triple 695, Vic Small.
Wednesday Morning Ladies Coffee: single 273, Cathy Weber; triple 654, Cathy Weber.
Wednesday P.M. Flower: ladies single 226, Florence Jelly; triple 621, Bunny Johnson.
Wednesday Villeneuve: - Ladies single 224, Angeline Majeau; triple 585, Noel Meunier. Men's single 265, Emile Soetaert; triple 591, Emile Soetaert.
Dover Hotel: ladies single 275, Judy Purden; triple 587, Judy Purden. Men's single 263, Bill Ible; triple 731, Bill Ible.
Thursday P.M. Astronaut's ladies single 284, Linda Stewart; triple 682, Linda Stewart.
Thursday Nite: ladies single 251, Sylvia Gloss; triple 610 Betty Kuehnemuth. Men's single 251, Jerry Olson; triple 602, Jerry Olson.
Friday 7 P.M. ladies single 228, Thirza Schultz; triple 599, Thirza Schultz. Men's single 272, George Campbell; triple 669, George Campbell.
Friday 9 P.M. ladies single 232, Heather Wyman; and single 232 Glenna Erickson; triple 622, Glenna Erickson. Men's single 259, Roger Dubois; triple 638, Frank Ricard.
Simpsonites 9 A.M. girls single 148, Lois Knutson; double 262, Lois Knutson. Boy's single 300, Ashley Gray; double 445, Ashley Gray.
Simpsonites 11 A.M. Girls single 136, Kim Popoff; double 320, Kim Popoff. Boys single 174, Robert Esau; double 280, Dennis Lafleur.

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Gary Larsen to defend his title

Gary Larsen will defend his 95-pound Alberta junior boxing championship in Breton on Saturday, Jan. 17, against Curtis Hodson of Fort McMurray.
Larsen had expected to meet a fighter from Taber either last Saturday in Taber or on Jan. 24 in Edmonton but the challenge never came through.
If Larsen wins this battle, he will remain on the Alberta team and travel with it to Vancouver for a card in February.
In other local boxing action, 10-year-old Jimmy Hamper lost out in the final of the Bronze Gloves championships at Taber last Saturday.
Hamper won his first fight in the 65-pound division but was edged in the final.

Joint buying
St. Albert's Public and Separate School Districts are planning to enter into joint purchasing in an effort to cut down costs.
Separate Board Chairman Charles Schroder said the two boards secretary-treasurers met fairly regularly and where joint purchases could be made, they would arrange it.

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3		G	7:15AM	M.S.	4
5	7:20AM	K.S.	7:50AM	M.G.	6
7	8:00AM	G	8:35AM	M.S.	8
9	9:10AM	S	9:40AM	M.G.	10
11	11:00AM	G	11:35AM	M.S.	12
13	12:45PM	S	1:20PM	M.G.	14
15	2:30PM	G	3:05PM	M.S.	16
17	3:55PM	S	4:30PM	M.G.	18
19	4:45PM	G	5:25PM	M.S.	20
21	5:15PM	S	5:55PM	M.G.	22
23	5:50PM	G	6:25PM	M.S.	24
25	6:30PM	S	7:00PM	M.G.	26
*27	* 8:00PM	G	* 8:30PM	M.S.	28*
29	9:30PM	S	10:00PM	M.G.	30
31	10:30PM	G	11:00PM	M.S.	32

SATURDAY ONLY

1	8:00AM	G	8:35AM	M.S.	2
3	9:10AM	S	9:40AM	M.G.	4
5	11:00AM	G	11:35AM	M.S.	6
7	12:45PM	S	1:20PM	M.G.	8
9	2:15PM	G	2:55PM	M.S.	10
11	3:30PM	G	4:00PM	M.S.	12
13	4:45PM	S	5:15PM	M.G.	14
15	6:15PM	G	6:45PM	M.S.	16
17	8:00PM	S	8:30PM	M.G.	18
19	9:30PM	G	10:00PM	M.S.	20
21	10:30PM	S	11:00PM	M.G.	22

SUNDAY & HOLIDAYS

1	1:45PM	S	2:20PM	M.G.	2
3	8:45PM	G	9:15PM	M.S.	4

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RECREATION Hi-Lites

GOLF

Those who are interested in learning to play golf are reminded that the annual golf school will be taking place in the spring. The lessons are scheduled so that - hopefully - the last few can take place outdoors.

BRIDGE

The St. Albert Bridge Club held its first session of 1970 last Sunday evening. The winners on this occasion were: E.W. - Larry Robertson and Dave Kilworth; N.S. - Pat Kane and Hans Zylstra.

The club meets every Sunday in the community hall at 7:30 p.m. and new members will be very welcome. Information can be obtained by phoning Rupert Haselgruber at 599-3744 or Bud Ahronson at 599-6945.

MEN'S SOCCER

The St. Albert Bruins have resumed their winter training sessions in Father Jan School. These take place on

Tuesday evenings from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. and young men who perhaps intend playing or coaching soccer will be welcome; all that is required is an interest in the game - and a pair of running shoes!

FIGURE SKATING

The practices which take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the rinks at Grosvenor Park, Salisbury Park and Braeside are from 4-5:40 p.m. - they previously lasted till 6 p.m. The 20 minutes are needed to avoid congestion in the dressing-rooms and for the erection of the nets in time for the hockey practices or games which are scheduled to start at 6 p.m.

FAMILY CAMPING

The meeting of the St. Albert 69'ers Family Camping Club scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 14 has been cancelled. These monthly meetings are normally held in the Clubhouse on the sec-

ond Wednesday of each month at 8 p.m. when anyone interested in camping is always made very welcome.

Although we seem to be in the middle of a deep freeze, spring and summer are not really too far away and at an executive meeting held recently there was discussion about the possibility of holding a camping display in the spring.

For information about the St. Albert Club, please phone 599-8290.

SQUARE DANCING

The St. Albert Saints and Sinners danced at Fort Saskatchewan last Saturday evening. Next Saturday they will be "at home" in Sir Alexander Mackenzie School at 8:30 p.m.

Gordon Main (599-8086) will be very happy to give anyone interested information about the Saints and Sinners or the Beginners' Club which meets in the Clubhouse on Friday evenings.

YMCA

The next course of swimming lessons for children will start on Feb. 10. These lessons are held on Tuesday evenings at the West End YMCA, transportation is provided.

Ladies are reminded that there is a Swedish Gym class held every Thursday evening in Leo Nickerson School from 8 - 9 p.m. A Keep-Fit class for men is held each Wednesday at Sir Alexander Mackenzie School from 7 - 9 p.m.

Information about the YMCA programs can be obtained by phoning Mrs. Phillips at 599-6445.

The very popular Y Neighbours program is held each Monday morning in the Community Hall from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. and new members will be very welcome.

There is lots of space in the hall upstairs for the ladies' keep-fit class which takes place every week (followed by a varied program of demonstrations, talks, etc.)

For information about this program for ladies - with or without pre-schoolers - please phone Mrs. Joan Hogg at 599-8267.

Record number of classes available for recreation

A record of 31 classes for pre-schoolers, children, teens and adults are being offered by the St. Albert Arts and Crafts Guild and the Town of St. Albert department of parks and recreation.

The 10-week winter session will begin Jan. 26 and registration is being taken this week with a final registration to fill remaining vacancies at an open house at the Arts Centre Sunday, Jan. 18 from 2 to 4 p.m.

Among the new courses offered are design and printmaking for youngsters, where they will experiment with water colors and use such items as potatoes and lino-blocks for printing.

Graphics is a more advanced course in design for teens and adults where colors and designs are produced on cloth or other materials for wall-hangings, cushion-covers etc.

Various types and textures of woods are used to make patterns and pictures in the wood-inlay course and a winemaking course, including the history of wines and various procedures used in winemaking, is also offered.

Another new course is upholstery, to be taught by John Szott of St. Albert Upholstery. Mr. Szott will teach the classes in his own shop on Perron Street where the proper tools and equipment will be available to students. Persons taking this course will also be allowed to leave items they are working on at the shop to avoid lugging back and forth.

Others include the ever-popular ceramics for children, teens and adults; copper enamelling for teens and adults; creative dance and

creative drama for children; children's needlecraft, painting, puppetry and wood-working.

Fees for children's and teen's classes include all supplies necessary and cost

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For additional information or to register call the recreation department, town hall, 599-6601, or Mrs. Karen Grant, 599-8524.

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Puppetry	Ceramics	Winemaking
Woodwork	Copper Enamelling	
Design & Printmaking	Painting	
	Graphics	
	Wood Inlay	

- * Cost of ceramic classes includes materials and firing
- * Materials for children's and teen's classes provided

Registration forms and program schedules have been distributed through the schools or may be obtained from the Department of Parks and Recreation, Town Hall.

Forms must be completed and mailed to Arts and Crafts Guild, Box 5, St. Albert, no later than Jan. 15, or delivered to Mrs. K. Grant, 38 Spruce Cres., before Jan. 18.

Final registration will be taken Sunday, Jan. 18 from 2 to 4 p.m., at an open house to be held by the Guild at the Arts Centre, Salisbury Park.

For additional information call the Recreation Department

Ph 599-6601 OR MRS. K. GRANT at **599-8524**

Improvements okayed to Mission ball park

Council voted 5-1 Monday night to include \$1,000 in the 1970 estimates for improvements to the ball park in Mission.

Improvements to the home field of the St. Albert Willowbrook Oilers Senior Baseball Club will include:

1. Two bleachers to seat 130 persons, the total cost of which will be \$780;
2. Extra snow fencing to replace that destroyed last summer, \$190;
3. An electrical outlet to

accommodate a public address system and a pitching machine the ball club plans to acquire.

The ball club had submitted the request for improvements and had also asked for standard dugouts or as an alternate, extra benches with a protective screen. The dugouts would cost \$550 and the extra benches and protective fence \$320.

Finance Committee Chairman R. G. Wheatley said

these items were not recommended to council because it was felt that the ball field was possibly not a permanent facility on its present site.

His committee also cut the Oilers' request for four bleachers in half.

Total cost of the original request would have been \$2,200.

Mayor Gibbon cast the only vote against the motion.

Mercs steal page from Comets' book

About three weeks back, St. Albert Comets rammed in four goals in the third period to pull out a 7-5 victory over Spruce Grove Fuhr Mercuries.

It was the familiar fast finish that has become so closely associated with Comets' play in the Sturgeon River Senior Hockey League.

Sunday afternoon, however, Comets must have misplaced their book on fast finishes and it must have fallen into Mercuries' hands.

Because Mercuries, trailing 5-3 on Comets' home ice in Morinville Arena, whipped in three goals to carry off a 6-5 victory.

Comets had taken a 4-1 lead in the opening period but Mercuries cut it to 4-3 at the

close of the second. Comets struck first in the third but it was their last real look as Mercuries took over.

The loss was the second of the year for the St. Albert club, which has won six.

Joe Cassidy and Fred Hesse each scored two goals for Comets and Terry Dube got the other. Bob Goth paced Spruce Grove with three goals; Les Forbes got two, both in the third period rally, and Bob Pell got the other.

Spruce Grove collected six of the 11 minor penalties called.

Comets scored their sixth win of the season Friday night at Barrhead, outscoring the Chiefs 4-1.

The game was tied 1-1 after the first period but Comets led 3-1 at the end of the second, then followed up with the only goal in the third.

Dube, Dan Roberge, Gerry Magnum and Fred Hesse scored for Comets.

STANDING TO JAN. 5

	W	L	Pt.
Westlock	5	2	10
St. Albert	4	1	8
Sp. Grove	4	2	8
Vim	4	2	8
Barrhead	3	3	6
Morinville	1	4	2
Legal	0	7	0

Hesse among top scorers

Fred Hesse is the only member of the St. Albert Comets listed among the top scorers in the Sturgeon River Senior Hockey League in statistics released this week.

But you can bet he'll have more team-mates for company next time around.

Richie Perrault scored two goals and added six assists in Comets' 17-3 win over Legal Citadel Canadiens last week and several other Comets also had big nights.

Perrault's point-total of that game plus two assists he picked up Sunday would be enough to put him in a tie for the bottom rung of the

present scoring ladder.

Hesse, top scorer on the St. Albert club for the past several seasons, has six goals and five assists and ranks fifth in the league in total points.

Statistics complete to Jan. 5 are as follows.

TEN TOP SCORERS				
		G	A	Pt.
R. McKernan	SG	8	9	17
R. McGlone	W	10	6	16
W. Rimmer	W	8	8	16
P. Provencal	V	8	4	12
F. Hesse	St. A.	6	5	11
G. Hutman	W	7	3	10
T. Rimmer	W	5	5	10
D. Baert	V	5	5	10
A. Visser	B	5	5	10
V. Demaere	W	4	6	10

Anderson foursome wins zone playoff

Betty Anderson's rink from the St. Albert Curling Club will represent Zone 5 in the Northern Alberta final at the Balmoral in Edmonton Jan. 22 to 25.

Mrs. Anderson's rink won the right to represent the zone by sweeping through a modified double-knockout competition at the local club undefeated.

Only four rinks entered the zone playoff, all from St. Albert.

Mrs. Anderson beat Nancy Whalen 12-5 in her opening game, then defeated Jean Rankel 12-6 in the A final. Mrs. Rankel had earlier downed Pearl Quintal 8-7.

Mrs. Rankel fought her way back out of B event,

but Mrs. Anderson had the answers again and came out with a 7-6 triumph to take it all.

Mrs. Rankel's crew gave it a game shot. Going into the last end two down with last rock against them, they managed to steal one but it left them one short of a tie.

In other games in B event, Mrs. Whalen defeated Mrs. Quintal 9-6 and Mrs. Rankel defeated Mrs. Whalen 7-4.

Curling with Mrs. Anderson are Marina Vettergreen, third; Cecile Com, second; and Doreen Dolman, lead.

Curling with Mrs. Rankel were Betty Crozier, third; Denise Rouault, second; and Pat Hudson.

play includes local talent

Two St. Albert residents are involved in a new production at Walderdale Playhouse entitled "Spofford," which will open Thursday, Jan. 22.

Ken Graham, a newcomer to St. Albert from Wetaskiwin, is one of two new assistants to director Jack McCreath and "Spofford" will

be his first show in Edmonton.

Mrs. Shirley Martin, well-known in drama circles in St. Albert, is also involved in the production, appearing in three cameo roles.

In New York where the play ran last year, it was highly praised by critics who described it as "a satirical look at the other side." It's a look at modern suburban living through the eyes of an old-timer.

The play will open for the first time in Canada at Walderdale, 11407 107 St., Jan. 22, and run through to Jan. 31. Tickets may be obtained from the Symphony Box Office at the Bay.

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 1970



It's not hockey and it's not exactly broomball, it's sort of in-between. But it has been keeping Paul Kane High School students busy in physical education classes in recent weeks. Here phys-ed 20 students hammer it out with field hockey sticks and brooms.

High school rinks out of playdowns

Rinks from St. Albert and Paul Kane High Schools lost out in their bids for a Zone 5 curling championship at the weekend.

But they are probably convinced that there is only one rink in the zone that is better than they are.

Dave Haley of Athabasca swept through the double-knockout competition on home ice to win the right to represent the zone in the Northern Alberta final to be held later in Edmonton.

Along the way Haley downed Max Dupilka's rink from Paul Kane in the A section final, then sewed up the playoff with a 7-3 win over Bruce Hattinger of St. Albert High, who had come out of B section to reach the playoff final.

Hattinger lost his first game of the playoff to Dupilka, then rolled up victories

over Rochester and Westlock to get another crack at the Paul Kane rink in the B final. He won his third straight, but didn't have enough left to stop Haley in one game, let alone the two straight it would have taken him to win it.

Hattinger had John Oliphant at third, Richard Ringuette at second and Rich Palmer at lead. Dupilka had Don Mitchell at third, Dave Wright at second and Ken Love at lead.

The Paul Kane rink scored two wins over the Athabasca B team to round out its

Films set for hockey

A series of instructional films will be shown to youngsters in the Kinsmen Minor Hockey Association at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17.

The 90-minute session

record.

St. Albert High had anticipated sending two rinks but last week was told it would have to cut to one. Each town in the zone is allowed to send two rinks and as St. Albert has two high schools, this means each gets to send only one. St. Albert High entered two in 1969 and one of them, skipped by Jan Donais, won the zone title.

The two schools are now in the process of selecting girls' teams to compete in the zone final Feb. 8 in Barrhead.

will be held in Sir George Simpson Junior High School and will give local youngsters a chance to see the basic fundamentals demonstrated by experts.

Singers preparing for festival

St. Albert Singers, a local community choir, resumed rehearsals last Thursday with a large and enthusiastic turn-out.

Work is under way on a variety program of choral music to be presented in an April concert.

The Singers also plan to enter the Kiwanis Music Festival, and will begin practising their competition numbers this week.

New members will be accepted until the end of January.

Practises are held weekly at 8:30 p.m. in the lower hall of the United Church, and further information may be obtained by calling Mrs. Lillian Upright at 599-6997.

Movers start fund drive

St. Albert Movers will show movies on Friday and Saturday nights, Jan. 16 and 17, to raise money for the teen centre which they hope to reopen shortly.

The movie Yours, Mine and Ours will be shown in

the St. Albert High School gymnasium at 8 Friday night and in the Roman Catholic Church parish hall at 7 Saturday night.

Admission will be \$1 for adults and 50 cents for students.

Around Town

Girls between the ages of 14 and 18 are invited to attend a registration for the formation of Ranger groups. Registration will be held in the Catholic church basement Wednesday, Jan. 21, at 8 p.m. For more information call Mrs. Linda Whittall, 599-5231.

St. Albert Women's Institute is planning its 11th annual spring fashion show to be held Friday, March 13th in Father Jan School Auditorium. Fashions from Woodwards will be shown.

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Letter To The Editor . .

The Editor:

I have been a resident of St. Albert for 11 years and am still waiting for a good community skating rink with music and facilities. Why is it that the town caters to possibly 300 youngsters who are in figure skating classes and playing hockey? This is a pretty small minority in a town of 11,000.

Where are the rest of us supposed to go skating? The hockey rinks are out of bounds most of the time (except maybe when school is in session - in which case you can go and skate around and around in dead silence all by yourself). There are apparently four rinks beside the four hockey rinks which are ideal for the little ones who are learning to skate. But these rinks are not big enough for a teenager or an adult who can skate and likes to get out and move for the exercise. Skating is an excellent sport in that it provides

exercise and fresh air, and it is a very pleasant pastime particularly if there is good music to skate to. There seems to be a lot of talk to get the teen centre in operation, give the teens a place to go and something to do, keep them off the roads with their cars, keep them in St. Albert."

Well, why in heavens name doesn't the town or somebody in it get busy and put in a proper community rink of good size with music and concession facilities, etc? Teen-agers and adults are flocking by the dozens every day of the week to Edmonton to go skating. I'm sure every one of them would be quite willing to pay an admission to use a good St. Albert rink.

There are a good many teen-agers who are not the least bit interested in learning to figure skate and a good many boys who do not play hockey and girls of course do not play hockey, and the majority of adults are not

interested in either. Yet these people have no place to go. As I have personally heard many adults and teen-agers say: "Who wants to go and try and skate on a little wee rink with little ones falling around us?"

The small rinks are a definite necessity for little ones so that they have a place to go and learn on, but those little rinks are no place for a bigger youngster or an adult who skates and often with some speed - they create a danger for the little ones and most of us realize this and won't go on the little rinks for this reason. And the good skater needs room - a small narrow rink is difficult to turn across the ends and you can't skate with any speed at all.

Why does the teen-ager and the adult have to drive miles or ride buses to Edmonton to go skating? Why hasn't St. Albert provided a community rink with music, etc. for social skating only? Some people have said a community rink creates noise and so they can't put one in - well, put the thing over in the infield of the Kinsmen Rodeo grounds. And don't tell me that its too far to go - half of St. Albert is already going all the way to Mayfair -- there was even a big party of adults went to Mayfair to skate in the New Year.

And don't tell me that the arena when it is built will provide social skating. It may do so - but tell me when - "the middle of the night or maybe two nights and one afternoon a week like the Coronation Park arena does? The rest of the time the Coronation Park arena is taken up with hockey players and figure skating classes - because it's too cold outside. The same thing will happen to our St. Albert arena and it will end up when people can or want to go skating the arena will be unavailable because of hockey.

And if we happen to want to go skating every day - well we will be out of luck and have to go to Edmonton again. The Town of St. Albert badly needs a good sized community skating rink with music and concession facilities, etc. that is for social skating only with no exceptions made for hockey, figure skaters or otherwise.

If you agree with me, teen-agers and adults who want to skate closer to home, for heavens sake phone the recreation department of the town and tell them. We'll never get to go skating close to home if we don't flood the town with calls to let them know what WE want.

Ex-skater who would like to go skating regularly in St. Albert.

Church choir seeking voices

The St. Albert United Church Choir is looking for additional voices to help prepare a modern Easter Cantata, "The Saviour," by Lloyd Weber.

Rehearsals are held in the lower hall of the church Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m., with occasional supplementary practises on Sunday morning.

The choir is hoping that singing members and adherents (who surely must number more than 14) will consider devoting the next weeks to this choral endeavor.

Besides being an enjoyable musical experience, it will also be stimulating in terms of ideas, as some fresh insights on Jesus as Saviour are presented in the text. For further information

AROUND TOWN

Officers and new members of the St. Albert Branch 271 of the Royal Canadian Legion will be installed at a dinner and dance at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 23, in the community hall. Tickets at \$3.50 per person are available by phoning 599-7495.

NEWCOMERS

We welcome the following newcomers to St. Albert: Mr. and Mrs. B. Bedry and family; Mr. and Mrs. J. Critchley and family and Mr. and Mrs. S. Seethran and family of the Braeside district.

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New club planned for young people

A new youth activity, open to all young men and women age 15 through 20 has been announced by the St. Albert Lions Club. The Lions will sponsor a "Leo Club," whose members will have the opportunity to initiate community service projects of their own choosing.

In announcing the formation of the Leo Club, Rock Holman, Lions Club President, noted that the young men and women of St. Albert have tremendous talent and energy and view the needs of the community from a definite perspective.

He said the Leo Club will provide them the opportunity to join together and develop their own approaches to solving community problems.

The Lions will advise the Leo members but they will be free to design their own projects and elect their own officers. They will also have their own budget.

The Leo Clubs organizational meeting will be held in the Clubhouse on Grenfell Avenue at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 21.

The local Lions are quite enthusiastic about the Leo Club, and are encouraging every young man and woman in St. Albert to investigate the club's possibilities.

Anyone interested in further information about the Leo Club may contact Lion Rod Thordson at 599-6301 or 42 Swallow Cres. in St. Albert.

Council may sell off all tot lots

Council is investigating the possibility of converting the town's 10 tot lot sites to residential.

Council passed a recommendation out of finance committee Monday night that staff prepare a report on how many of the sites, five of which have playground equipment installed on them, are suitable for residential use.

It then voted to table a second recommendation, pending receipt of the staff report, calling for council to adopt as policy the phasing out of the tot lots and the use of equipment and for any money from their sale to be used for the provision of playgrounds.

Councillor John de Bruijn cast the only dissenting vote on the first recommendation but was joined by Councillor Rene Kambouroff on the second.

Council had referred the matter of tot lots to finance committee some time back in order to establish policy and at the same time asked the

St. Albert Kinsmen to refrain from installing tot lots until a policy was established.

The staff report on the suitability for sale will cover area, serviceability and the conditions concerning the sale of recreational lands. The committee recommended the phasing out of the lots, for the following reasons:

1. The increasing cost of repainting and repairing the facility;
2. The increasing cost of grass cutting and fertilizing;
3. The cost of replacing damaged trees;
4. The cost of sand replacement;
5. The risk of injury due to unsupervised activities of young and older children mixed;
6. The nuisance, noise and imposition on adjacent property owners;
7. The vandalism of fences and trees of adjacent properties;
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Parks Superintendent John Beedle had informed finance committee that it cost \$150 per tot lot per year for maintenance.

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THURS, JAN, 15 - St. Albert Singers rehearse - 8:30 p.m. lower hall, United Church.
SAT, JAN, 17 - Social evening, Legion Hall - 8 p.m. to 12 midnight.
SAT, JAN, 17 - Kin/Cinema, Father Jan School, 2-4 p.m.
TUES, JAN, 20 - Meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Royal Canadian Legion - 8 p.m. Legion Hall.
TUES, JAN, 20 - Regular AA meeting, New Braeside Presbyterian Church, 8:30 p.m.
TUES, JAN, 20 - Regular Al Anon family group meeting, Braeside Presbyterian Church - 8:30 p.m.
TUES, JAN, 20 - 4th St. Albert Sea Scouts 6:30 p.m. Sir George Simpson Junior High Gym.
FRI, JAN, 23 - St. Albert Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion installation dinner and dance at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Hall.
SAT, JAN, 24 - St. Albert Hiwiners are holding a dance at the Community Hall - doors open 7:45 p.m.
SUN, JAN, 25 - Cash Bingo - sponsored by the Catholic Women's League in the St. Albert Catholic Parish Hall at 8:30 p.m.
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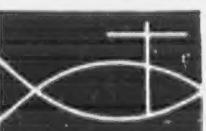
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President Tom White (top left) and the local Kinsmen Club played host to several visiting club officials Monday night. From left beside Mr. White are Doug Wright, president of the Lacombe Club; Dave Powers, district deputy governor from Whitecourt, and Dave Steward, district deputy governor from St. Albert. Front row from left are Gord Tocher, past district deputy governor from Whitecourt; Bill Soley, district deputy governor from Lacombe; and Don Sinclair, governor from St. Albert.

Local Kinsmen host officials

The past Kinsmen's meeting "bring your buddy night" saw St. Albert Kinsmen invited by district deputy governors, and about 30 Kinsmen from the Lacombe club.

Movies on jet propulsion, Stanley Cup Finals (1969) and the Saskatoon Convention were shown followed by a general "bull" session.

The St. Albert club is joining clubs across the Nation to help celebrate the 50th anniversary of Kinsmen.

The Club has come a long way since being chartered in May 1964, and has been involved in such community service projects such as minor hockey, tot lots and Saturday afternoon movies for children.

It's major fund raising

program is bringing a rodeo to Alberta's oldest community. The club last year donated \$10,000 to the arena fund, sent two underprivileged children to summer camp, and donated \$150 for orthopedic equipment for the children in Kampenella Uganda.

BEEFS & BOUQUETS

A BOUQUET to the boy who so thoughtfully took and hid or just plain stole a dark green and yellow striped touque belonging to an eight-year-old Cub who was attending a meeting of the Cubs in the Sir Alexander Mackenzie School gym on the night of Jan. 8. I'm sure that eight-year-old thoroughly enjoyed going home several blocks in our balmy 10-15 degree below weather with a bare head and ears.

Braeside Resident.

Separate schools set awards night

The St. Albert Protestant Separate School District will hold two awards night this week.

The first, for students of Grades 4 to 6, will be held at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15, in the assembly area of Sir George Simpson Junior High School.

The second, for students of Grades 7 to 11, will be held at the same location and time on Friday, Jan. 16.

Presentations in the lower grades Thursday will include honor awards, 80 per cent or better; academic awards, highest honor mark in each grade in each school; and citizenship awards.

St. Albert Lions Club

Awards will be presented to two secondary school students Friday. The awards are presented annually to the three students achieving the highest average in St. Albert in Grade 9.

The Separate School District trophy and the Women's Institute Award will also be presented to the student attaining the highest honors standing in Grade 9 departmental exams.

Honors pins, for an 80 per cent average or better; Birks Medals, for the highest honors average in each grade in each school; and citizenship awards will be presented as well.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Council of the Town of St. Albert having been given authority under Section 119 of the Planning Act, 1963, as amended, to control development within the boundaries of the Town of St. Albert by zoning, will hold a Public Hearing.

The purpose of the hearing is to rezone:

Lot 1B and U3, Block 3, Plan 4269 NY and the remainder of Lot 2, Block 3, Plan 2204 HW presently zoned Residential Comprehensive (RX) to Commercial (Class 3) Highway Commercial to accommodate a hotel complex.



The proposed Bylaw #2/70 may be examined between the hours of 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the office of the Secretary-Treasurer, Town Hall, St. Albert.

The public hearing will be held in the Council Chambers on the 9th day of February, 1970 at 7:35 p.m.

Written objections to the proposed bylaw will be received by the Secretary-Treasurer at his office until 4:30 p.m. on the 4th day of February, 1970. Objections shall be submitted in writing prior to the meeting, those which have been received before the designated time will be discussed at the meeting before further oral presentations will be recognized.

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